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1. "The 'Svatoborice' Military Camp is situated near the Kyjov-Svatoborice-Mistrin-Sardice-Hoverany-Ceje road. It is about 1000 meters from Kyjov, and about 200 meters in front of the village of Svatoborice. The road, above, passes through the camp; it was formerly the district road, but now it is asphalt, and three to four meters wide in the Kyjov-Mistrin section.
2. "The camp was built during World War II as a military camp, and was later used for political prisoners. After the war part of the camp was transferred to the 'Buchlovan' Textile Works, and the rest of the camp was used, in 1949, for the remainder of the Greek Communist Army (EAM). In 1952 this part of the camp was confiscated by the army, and the Greek soldiers were moved to 'Nove Hute Klementa Gottwalda' in Moravska Ostrava. Now (Mar 53) the camp is used exclusively as a Czechoslovak Army training camp. The conversion of the camp into a training center took three months.
3. "The camp stretches for 300 meters along the road. (20 meters of this belongs to 'Buchlovan' Textile Works, separated from the training camp by a wire fence). Near the separating fence the camp is 300 meters wide and extends to a small pond. The entire camp is enclosed in wire fencing. The main entrance is on the road side (where the road from Kyjov runs); and near the entrance gate is a small gatekeeper's house, 3 by 3 meters; along the road there is a wooden house, 75 meters long, built in 1952. The gate from the garages to the road is used only for military vehicles; the garage gate is numbered one to ten. The garages

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are 10 meters wide, and besides them two wooden houses are the only remains of the former camp for political prisoners. The houses, also 10 meters wide, are now used to house the soldiers. Near the fence are two wooden houses, and across the road, toward the garages, are three one-story houses built during World War II, and used formerly by the Czechoslovak Constabulary Corps guarding the camp. Along the road there are houses, 10 or 12 meters long, and 10 meters wide, used as barracks. Near these houses, and toward Vyjov, is the 300 meters long military exercise ground.

4. "At the end of Mar 53, I observed on this ground, a mobile truck radar unit for fire control purposes. The construction on which the unit was installed was 2.5 meters high. The antennae was a rectangular metal frame with wire antennae; it was approximately 2 meters on a side. Below the antennae sat a single soldier. On either side of the unit, 15 or 20 meters from it, were two antiaircraft machine guns equipped with four barrels. The barrels were 200 cm long; each unit was manned by one soldier. Antiaircraft fire was directed by the mobile radar unit.
5. "In the vicinity of the radar unit and antiaircraft guns, [redacted] a large number of soldiers receiving instruction from an officer of the Czechoslovak Regular Army. Two Czechoslovak infantry companies are stationed at the 'Svatoborice' Camp. [redacted] at least one 'Latka III' [redacted] truck, in the garages.
6. "The military units here are equipped by Headquarters in Bzenec."

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